

# Retail Merchandising Resources

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## Learn About Careers in Retail Merchandising

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### Buyers and Purchasing Agents

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Business-and-Financial/Purchasing-managers-buyers-and-purchasing-agents.htm>

### Marketing

<http://www.careers-in-marketing.com/>

### Fashion Careers

<http://www.fashion-schools.org/fashion-careers.htm>

## Job Posting Sites for Retail Merchandising

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### Business Careers

<http://www.careers-in-business.com/>

Careers-in-Business.com brings you the latest scoop on various business career areas including jobs, salaries, what people are saying and entry requirements.

### Core 77/Coroflot

<http://www.core77.com>

Design salary surveys, job postings, career information, a portfolio creation tool and much more!

### Going Global

<http://goldpass.umn.edu> (link for Going Global will be on the student landing page)

Going Global is a great resource for international students looking for information on work opportunities here in the United States. It is also a great tool for students looking for information on the cultural nuances of the job search in various countries and cities throughout the world.

### GoldPASS

<http://goldpass.umn.edu>

University of Minnesota job posting system. In addition to finding current job and internship openings, use GoldPASS to search info and contacts for students' previously completed internships related to this major (to get ideas and contact information; this is not a list of openings), select "job search", then "internship agreement database".

### Green Careers Resource Guide

<http://www.cassio.com>

"The resource guide answers basic green career questions. Includes links to hundreds of industry and occupation-specific resources as well as descriptions of all major green niche job boards."

### **Internships**

<http://www.internships.com/>

This website provides services and resources for students, employers and educators. Students can search for internships and jobs based on location and type of industry/major.

### **Free Fashion Internships**

<http://freefashioninternships.com>

Free internship postings in blog format for the fashion industry. Includes many internships in New York City and California, but some are Midwest-based. Also includes links to numerous other resources.

### **Internship Programs.com – Internship Search Engine**

<http://internships.wetfeet.com>

Includes free internship postings in the apparel and retail industries.

### **PR Couture – Fashion PR Jobs**

<http://www.prcouture.com/jobs/>

Includes free full-time, part-time and internship job postings within the fashion industry. Positions are throughout the country.

### **Style Careers**

<http://www.stylecareers.com>

The largest, fashion-only listing site on the Internet. A great place to start if you're looking for home-office fashion industry internships or entry-level positions.

### **Fashion Career Center**

<http://www.fashioncareercenter.com/>

Positions listed and an opportunity to post your resume and apply for jobs.

### **Fashion Net**

<http://www.fashion.net/>

International job and internship listings for the fashion and retail industry. Includes links to other resources.

### **Apparel Search**

<http://www.apparelsearch.com/employment.htm>

Links to employment in the apparel industry and links to countless other resources related to the field.

### **Macy's Job Page (formally Federated Stores)**

<http://www.macysjobs.com/>

Job postings at all levels of employment.

### **Mayor of the Mall**

<http://www.mayorofthemall.com>

Fashion-only store-level job listing site, focused on fashion-forward retail positions (store associates, store management, visual merchandising, in-store specialists, district management, etc...)

### **Springboard for the Arts**

<http://www.springboardforthearts.org/>

Midwest job searching site for careers related to and in the arts.

### **Style Portfolios**

<http://www.styleportfolios.com>

Online portfolio website focused on the various fashion-related industries, visual merchandising students who need to communicate their talent visually can create a free online portfolio that is searchable by many of the industry's leading brands and recruiting agencies.

## **Professional Associations Related to Retail Merchandising**

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Many professional associations have listservs or web sites where jobs and internships are posted. Sometimes, membership is required for access, so consider becoming a student member. Other benefits of membership include access to other members (for informational interviews), evidence of your commitment to the industry, and information about current trends as well as upcoming conferences and local meetings.

### **American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences**

<http://www.aafcs.org>

Professional association includes a student page and newsletter, scholarships, related resources and job listings.

### **American Collegiate Retail Association**

<http://www.acraretail.org>

Association geared towards retail educators including student competitions and position announcements.

### **American Purchasing Society**

<http://www.american-purchasing.com/>

Career center, certification, workshops and links.

### **Costume Society of America**

<http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com>

Professional association includes student membership, internship and scholarship listing, Midwest chapter and regional events, job openings and a member business directory.

### **Fashion Group International**

<http://www.fgi.org/>

Job bank, directory for networking and events, trends, and resources.

### **International Textile and Apparel Association**

<http://www.itaaonline.org>

Includes job announcements, educational information, scholarships and student membership.

### **National Association of Purchasing Management**

<http://www.napm-twincities.org/home.cfm>

Supply management information and certification.

### **National Retail Federation**

<http://www.nrf.com/>

Resources and advice for professionals in the field. Conference, and membership events.

### **National Association of Sales Professionals**

<http://www.nasp.com/>

Job postings, sales tips, sales certification.

### **Textile Society of America**

<http://www.textilesociety.org>

Professional association includes student membership, publications, scholarships, events/study tours, related resources and job/internship listings.

## **Additional Resources for Retail Merchandising**

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### **Apparel News**

<http://www.apparelnews.net/>

Fashion news, trade shows, links to resources and job postings.

### **The Design Observers Group**

<http://designobserver.com/>

News, articles, and books focused on design, visual art, cultural, and social change.

### **Retail Visual Merchandising**

<http://www.visualstore.com/>

Product/vender search, products, news and job postings.

### **Women's Wear Daily**

<http://www.wwd.com/>

News, trends, education directory and links to job search.

### **University of Minnesota Undergraduate Research**

<http://www.urop.umn.edu/>

Offers research and creative activity experiences to students in all of our undergraduate colleges, to students in honors programs, as well as students not in honors programs.

## **Student Organizations for Retail Merchandising**

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For more information on the student organizations below, and others, visit  
<https://gopherlink.umn.edu/organizations/>

### **College of Design Student & Alumni Board**

[http://www.design.umn.edu/current\\_students/leo/StudentandAlumniBoard.htm](http://www.design.umn.edu/current_students/leo/StudentandAlumniBoard.htm)

The College of Design Student and Alumni Board provides leadership for the College of Design Alumni Society and serves as the official College of Design Student Board for graduate and undergraduate students. Student and alumni board members work together with alumni, faculty, and the design community to develop programs and services that enhance the student experience and support the transition from college to career.